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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Original) An easy-open lid, specifically applicable in lids (1) which, with a circular, elliptical or rectangular configuration with rounded vertices, incorporate a cut line (3), parallel and close to their perimeter for opening the lid with the collaboration of a punch-tear away ring tab (4) attached to the body (1) of the lid by means of a rivet (5) and provided with a punching vertex (6) acting on said cut line (3), characterized in that said cut line (3) is provided with a breakage segment (8) with a curved path, having a curvature center (9) coinciding with the rivet (5) for attaching the ring tab (4) to the body (1) of the lid, such that said punch vertex (6) is kept in place on the breakage segment (8) after an accidental rotation of said ring tab (4) throughout the process of handling the lid (1) itself and the container which it is associated to.

Claim 2. (Original) An easy-open lid according to claim 1, characterized in that the amplitude of the arcuate breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is greater than 1°.

Claim 3. (Original) An easy-open lid according to claim 1, characterized in that the amplitude of the arcuate breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) ranges between 1° and 80°.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) An easy-open lid according to ~~previous claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the amplitude of the arcuate breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is 20°.

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Claim 5. (Currently Amended) An easy-open lid according to ~~previous claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the breakage segment (8) on the cut line (3) is symmetrical with regard to the imaginary axis formed by the theoretical actuation point (10) of the punch vertex (6) of the ring tab (4), coinciding with the mid-point of the breakage segment (8), and the rivet (5) for attaching the ring tab (4).

Claim 6. (Original) An easy-open lid according to claim 5, characterized in that amplitude the arcuate breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is 10° on each side of the theoretical actuation point (10) of the punch vertex (6) of the ring tab (4).

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) An easy-open lid according to previous claims, characterized in that the arcuate breakage segment (10) of the cut line (3), with a curvature center (9) on the rivet (5), is joined the rest of the cut line (3) by means of double, arcuate and counteropposing inflections (11-11') for facilitating the tearing along said line.